GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Carbon Footprint
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is likely to take multiple measures in 2016 to reduce the country''s carbon footprint and also promote efficient use of energy and natural resources;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether it is true that the Government has called upon the people for a bigger public role in green mission; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)& (b) Government has planned various initiatives to reduce the country''s carbon footprint and to promote efficient use of energy and natural resources. In this context, 175 GW of Renewable Energy (RE) capacity has been targeted by 2022.The Department of Heavy Industry, Government of India has launched the National Electric Mobility Mission Plan (NEMMP) 2020 which would promote hybrid and electric vehicles in the country. This is addition to works carried out by missions under National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC).

Government of India in 2016-17 has doubled the Clean Environment Cess on coal from Rs 200 per tonne to Rs 400 per tonne. It has decided to leapfrog from Bharat Stage-IV (BS-IV) to Bharat Stage-VI (BS-VI) emission norms by April 1, 2020.

The initiative of International Solar Alliance (ISA) is to bring clean and affordable energy within the reach of all and enhance international collaboration in countries with solar potential. Government has recently amended theWaste Management and Handling Rules to make them more effective, efficient and stringent that would help in reducing emissions from the waste.

(c)& (d) India in its Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) has communicated to put forward and further propagate a healthy and sustainable way of living based on traditions and values of conservation and moderation, with the active cooperation of public.

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